

CARS CARRIER

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

September 2011 Newsletter

CARS Web Site --- <http://www.wa4usn.org>

CARS meets the second Monday of each month at Ryan's Steak House on Highway 61.

Our next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM, Monday, Sept. 12, 2011



DUES FOR THE YEAR AUGUST 1, 2011 – JULY 31, 2012 ARE DUE

\$20.00/Year, \$10.00 for each additional member in the same household. Please make check payable to CARS. You may pay at the meeting or mail to membership chairman: **Bryce Myers, K4LXF, 2630 Dellwood Ave., North Charleston, SC 29405-6814**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this I am watching the remnants of hurricane Irene push farther north wreaking havoc on New England as a huge and fierce tropical storm hundreds of miles wide. I am thankful that we dodged that bullet here even though there was some heavy rains and wind damage from just the outer bands of the storm along the coastal area. Were you prepared for the worst? Did you have an emergency plan ready? If you are a member of your county's amateur radio emergency services (ARES), would you have been ready to deploy when the call came? As we enter the most active portion of the hurricane season, I hope your answer to these questions was YES!

Maybe you have been listening on your rig for distress calls or calls from amateurs in the storm's path wanting to relay messages to loved ones that they are okay but are without power or phone service. Even outside of the disaster area amateurs play a key roll in communications, passing message traffic that otherwise would have to wait until conventional communications have been restored.

Knowing what action to take before, during, and after a natural disaster is a hallmark of amateur radio operations. I am proud to be a part of the ham radio community and I am thankful that someone took the time to introduce me to amateur radio. It's a hobby, it's a service to the community, and it's a group of resourceful can-do individuals who keep their cool in an emergency; Amateur Radio: Pass it on!

73, Greg, KI4TVA

MINUTES of AUGUST MEETING

Charleston Amateur Radio Society

Club Meeting at Ryan's Steak House on Hwy. 61
Monday, August 8, 2011 - 7:30 PM

MINUTES:

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society Meeting was called to order by President Gregory Amirault, KI4TVA, at 7:32 PM on Monday, August 8, 2011 at Ryan's Steak House in Charleston, SC.

Introductions:

There were 34 members and 6 guests present.

Secretary's Minutes: Susan, KJ4PVN

The July 2011 meeting minutes were published in the August 2011 CARS Carrier. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as published.

Treasurer's Report: David, KI4FSC

An Annual Treasurer's Report was published in the August CARS Carrier and accepted as information.

Hamfest Report: Jenny, WA4NGV

It was agreed to have a hamfest on February 4, 2012. No fliers will be mailed to save the cost of postage but all should start advertising by word of mouth.

The Hamfest party for committee members and workers will be held the second weekend in Oct. The party is for the Committee and those who helped (family included) with the Hamfest. Campers are allowed at the hamfest party but there is no room at the house for helpers overnight.

The club was asked for and given permission to search for a better interest rate for the \$6,000 CD.

Museum Ships: Ed, KQ4DC / David, KI4FSC / Tom, AJ4UQ

David said that JOTA will be the 3rd weekend in October. A request has been put in for a station in the new park under the Mount Pleasant end of the Copper River bridge.

Races: Doug, KU4OC

Assistance for the I.O.P. Connector Race on Oct. 1, 2011 has been requested. A sign up page will be put on google. Tom, AJ4UQ, was asked to be the field captain. Tom accepted.

Field Day: Greg, KI4TVA / Tom, AJ4UQ

Nothing to report.

Emergency Prep: Bill, WA4WGP, Charleston; John, W4HNC, Dorchester; Vince, K4AOC, Berkeley

Charleston: Bill attended the hurricane expo in N. Charleston and notice the attendance was down from last year. Cause was the heat. Bill said the Charleston meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Dorchester: David stated the Dorchester meeting was not last Saturday, it is this coming Saturday. The Dorchester County meetings are the second Saturday of the month.

Berkeley: George stated that Berkeley County has it's meetings the last Saturday of the month. Hurricane expo is at the Gillard auditorium the last Saturday of the month, Aug. 27th.

Repeater Report: Bryce, K4LXF

No report.

Nets: George, KI4UIW - Newcomers Net

George states they are still looking for operators.

Newsletter/Website: John, WA4GPS

Nothing new to report.

Education & VE Testing: Sheila, KT4YW

The next VE testing will be at Trident hospital 9:00 AM Saturday August 13. VE testing is the second Saturday of each even month.

School Programs: David, KI4FSC for Alene, KG4NKD - DuBose Middle School Radio Club - K4DMS

The school program will start up after Labor Day.

Membership: Bryce, K4LXF

Applications for regular membership:

First Reading: John Porter, AK4LA
James Gosha, KE4CGY

Second Reading: Jeff Jackson, AI4RV
Brenda M. Brunner-Jackson, KI4LPJ
Robert T. Page, N9WMK

Jeff, Brenda, and Robert were voted in as new members and welcomed into the club.

Bryce stated we have approximately 170 members.

Communications Trailer:

The communications trailer is being used all over. A trailer meeting will be held after the ARES meeting on the 20th of August at St. Andrew's fire station for the use of the trailer and training.

Old Business:

18 people like cars on facebook.

New Business:

The fair is from Oct27th - Nov 6th. The trailer will be set up and there will be more information to come.

Announcements:

A thank you card from Jenny for the flowers during her hospital stay and a card from Edith Price and family for the Peace Lily and the club support.

Drawing:

The drawing for a one year ARRL membership was won by Jim Holmes, not yet licensed.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Susan, KJ4PVN.





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